Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 18 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 19 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 17 Nov 2023 at 15:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High becoming Medium in detail from Sunday.

Headline for Saturday 18 Nov 2023: Heavy showers. Windy over the summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 18 Nov 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG							
Fog	Heavy snow	Sleet	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
30%	70%	80%	80%	60%	60%	60%	70%

Forecast for Saturday 18 Nov 2023

Weather: Overnight rain with summit snow. Outbreaks of heavy, showery, rain during daylight hours, the risk of the odd rumble of thunder. A few drier and brighter spells, perhaps the cloud thinning and breaking at times in the afternoon. Outbreaks of heavy, showery, rain continuing during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% rising to 50% for at time in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud, base 600 to 900m, perhaps thinning and breaking at times in the afternoon. Visibility moderate or good, falling poor or very poor in cloud and heavy rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	40/51 SE	39/51 SE	43/56 SE	40/52 SE	25/32 SE	25/31 S	26/34 S	27/36 S	29/40 SW
900	28/36 SE	40/53 SE	44/58 SE	37/50 SE	25/32 SE	22/28 S	23/29 S	24/32 S	24/33 SW
600	10/15 SW	17/29 SE	32/48 SE	29/43 SE	16/23 S	9/13 S	13/19 S	13/22 S	16/24 SW
300	4/7 NE	5/9 NE	8/14 N	9/17 NE	5/10 W	4/9 SW	4/10 SW	5/12 S	7/19 SW
Glen	3/14 S	4/17 S	5/18 S	4/17 S	4/13 S	4/14 S	4/15 S	4/15 S	4/17 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-13	-2/-11	-0/-8	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6
900	0/-7	2/-6	2/-6	3/-4	5/0	6/1	5/-0	5/-1	4/-1
600	2/-2	3/-2	4/-3	4/-1	7/4	7/5	7/4	7/4	7/3
300	2/0	3/1	4/1	5/2	6/5	6/5	6/5	6/5	7/5
Glen	2/1	4/1	4/1	4/3	7/6	8/7	8/6	7/6	7/6
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	1000m	1700m	2000m	2000m	1800m	1800m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Some navigational difficulties at height due to low cloud.

Forecast for Sunday 19 Nov 2023
Weather: Outbreaks of rain overnight. A cloudy, damp start to the morning, the rain and drizzle most persistent across Creag Meagaidh and the west where it could remain for much of the day. Some drier and brighter spells expected further east, the best of these to the east of the Cairngorm Plateau.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 15 to 20mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% in the west, 50% in the east in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud at first, base 600m with patches or occasional cloud to 300m, with little change around Creag Meagaidh and the west, but lifting and breaking near or above the summits to the east of the Cairngorm Plateau at times in the afternoon. Visibility often moderate or poor in the west, and very poor at height, but good or very good at times in the east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 to 12 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 to 5 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits

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